

NH Fire Protection Technician Voluntary Certification Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes, June 6, 2007

(Note: The following document is a summary of the meeting and does not contain an actual transcript of the meeting.)

Committee members present: Len Daniels, John Mooney, Larry Thibodeau, Mike Hoisington

Staff Liaison: Deputy Fire Marshal Robert Farley,

Absent: Richard Driscoll, Steve Mango, Butch Burbank, Jerry McCarthy, Christopher Burns, Robert Musil,

Meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m.

Deputy Farley introduced Deputy Chief Mike Hoisington of the Hooksett Fire Department who replaced Captain Richard Giguere as the representative from the NH Fire Prevention Society.

The first order of business was a review of the rules document to review previous changes. There not being a quorum present, no votes were taken. The consensus was to permit non-text changes such as paragraph numbering and formatting to proceed without a vote.

Chairman Thibodeau went through the document. A review of a submission made by the fixed fire extinguishing systems and portable fire extinguishers sub-committee was reviewed and entered into the document.

Chairman Thibodeau stated that the sprinkler system sub-committee would submit language to the committee for Saf-C 1202.17 for the next meeting.

The fixed fire extinguishing systems and portable fire extinguisher sub-committee proposed to separate out the endorsements for restaurant pre-engineered systems and industrial pre-engineered systems due to the fact that NAFED issues separate certificates for their training. They stated that one certificate would not suffice for the other endorsement. The sub-committee will submit new language to cover the split.

There was some discussion on the fire alarm section and that the final proposal from the fire alarm sub-committee would be forthcoming by the next meeting. No action was taken on the markup in the rules.

Changes were proposed to Saf-C 1205.01 which separates out the requirements for renewal of a firm certificate and the requirements for an individual certificate into two separate paragraphs.

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A review was made by the committee on the proposal to change to a three year license. A review of the minutes from the March meeting confirmed the vote of the committee on the three year license period. Deputy Farley identified a section which still refers to a one year license which he will change.

There was some discussion relative to the benefits and disadvantage of the three year license period. There was some concern over the ability of the program to be self-sufficient. The committee restated their commitment to discuss this further after the estimated figures of potential licensees is further evaluated.

The committee then discussed the procedure for accepting programs. Deputy Farley explained the process proposed for the heating technicians program. An entity wishing to have their training or testing program accepted by the State would submit a proposal to the State Fire Marshal's Office and with the advice of the committee, the program would be reviewed to make sure that it includes the necessary material.

Mr. Daniels requested that the sub-paragraphs of each section that deals with the various endorsements be in the same order. Deputy Farley stated that he could work on that.

There was a proposal to add the words "Fire Alarm and Detection Systems" to the definition at Saf-C 1202.15.

The date for the next meeting was set for July 12th, 2007 since July 4th was a holiday. Mr. Mooney requested that all members spend some time to remind the other members of the committee about the meeting so that we can make a quorum. The last two meetings a quorum has not been present. Chairman Thibodeau also requested a meeting of the sprinkler sub-committee. The sub-committee will meet on June 19th.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 hours